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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 2.3% IN 1989, AND 5.9% IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 19, 1990 -- U.S. scheduled airline passenger traffic, including domestic and international operations, increased 2.3 percent in 1989 and 5.9 percent in December, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Total domestic and international traffic for 1989 increased to 421 billion passenger miles, while the number of passengers carried decreased by 0.6 percent to 430 million. Available seat miles increased just 1.1 percent resulting in a system-wide load factor of 63.4 percent, the highest since 1952.

Domestic passenger traffic, measured in revenue passenger miles, increased 0.2 percent in 1989. Available seat miles declined 1.4 percent, and the number of passengers were down 1.1 percent to 393 million. The load factor was 62.5 percent compared to 61.5 for 1988.

International passenger traffic for 1989 registered a 9.5 percent increase to 101 billion passenger miles. Available seat miles were up 10.2 percent, and passengers increased 5.2 percent to 36.8 million. The load factor was 66.5 percent, down from 66.9 percent for 1988.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

DECEMBER 1989 - 1988

	DECEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,089	31,416	1.1	397,643	393,214	(1.1)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	24,971,453	25,897,454	3.7	318,873,998	319,616,901	0.2
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	43,555,945	44,002,394	1.0	518,621,544	511,568,408	(1.4)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.3	58.9		61.5	62.5	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,767	3,406	23.1	34,956	36,776	5.2
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	7,086,526	8,047,021	13.6	92,306,629	101,044,991	9.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	11,547,562	12,647,221	9.5	137,940,987	152,046,132	10.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	61.4	63.6		66.9	66.5	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,856	34,822	2.9	432,599	429,990	(0.6)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,057,979	33,944,475	5.9	411,180,627	420,661,892	2.3
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	55,103,507	56,649,615	2.8	656,562,531	663,614,540	1.1
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.2	59.9		62.6	63.4	

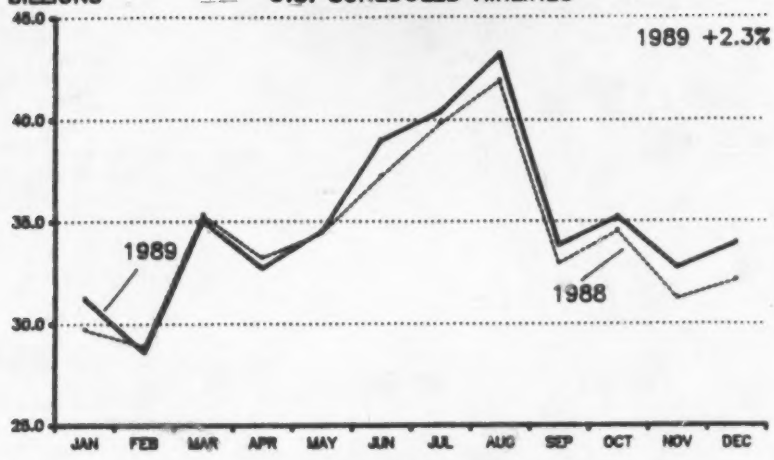
CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,326,656	54,786,969	64.5	38,811
April	33,240,219	53,065,878	62.6	35,866
May	34,381,529	55,049,442	62.5	36,737
June	37,243,100	55,884,844	66.6	38,021
July	39,818,796	58,316,508	68.3	39,585
August	41,895,721	58,998,348	71.0	41,540
September	32,925,084	54,470,014	60.4	33,995
October	34,510,475	55,587,306	62.1	36,615
November	31,187,642	52,209,369	59.7	34,337
December	32,057,979	55,103,507	58.2	33,856
TOTAL 1988	411,180,627	656,562,531	62.6	432,599
Jan - Dec 1988	411,180,627	656,562,531	62.6	432,599
1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,890	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
December	33,944,475	56,649,615	59.9	34,822
TOTAL 1989	420,661,892	663,614,540	63.4	429,990

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
December	5.9	2.8	2.9
Jan - December	2.3	1.1	-0.6

PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES

LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES